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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING

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1. IN ABSENCE OF MFA DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AID

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P.C. WITTE, EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATION REFTTEL DURING CALL

ON WITTE'S DEPTY, G.A. POSTHUMUS.

2. POSTHUMUS SAID HE WOULD RAISE MATTER FORMALLY WITH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION J.P. PRONK AS SOON AS MFA RECEIVES COPY OF IBRD/ADB NOTIFICATION. MEANWHILE, POSTHUMUS OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

A. HOLLAND HAD BEEN WILLING TO ATTEND FEBRUARY MEETING AND WOULD LIKELY AGREE TO DO SAME WITH OCTOBER 17 MEETING IN PARIS.

B. SINCE DUTCH POLICY IS NOT TO JOIN CONSULTATIVE GROUPS EXCEPT FOR COUNTRIES TO WHICH IT IS GIVING BILATERAL AID, DUTCH ATTENDANCE WILL BE MORE IN ROLE OF OBSERVER THAN PARTICIPANT. REASON FOR POLICY IS MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH GROUPS TENDS TO RESULT IN PRESSURE TO GIVE MORE.

C. WHILE NORTH VIETNAM IS RECIPIENT OF DUTCH BILATERAL ASSISTANCE (15 MILLION GULDERS IN FORM OF STEEL RODS FOR USE IN REINFORCING CONCRETE BUILDINGS), LIKE AMOUNT OF AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA IS FOR MEKONG DELTA PROJECT AND IS CHANNELED THROUGH ECAFE.

D. NETHERLANDS HAS NO PLANS FOR LONG-RANGE PROGRAM OF AID TO INDOCHINA BUT MAY BE PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING ON AD HOC BASIS.
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